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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING LEFT
VENTRICULAR WORK OR POWER

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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These items were also first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office regarding a counterpart PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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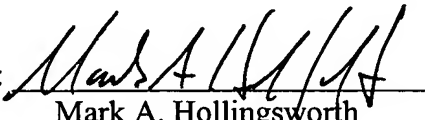
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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	6,096,061	08/1/2000	Alft et al.			
	5,174,299	12/29/1992	Nelson			
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